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Subject options paper

Cara,

One option that EPA might consider is to commence a 404(c) process based on the 2006 applications. Here is a link to the 2006 applications: http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/largemine/pebble/waterapp.htm

EPA could ask PLP for any updated designs (even though they presumably might not be final), and proceed based on the 2006 applications and whatever PLP provides in the way of additional designs, if any.

This has advantages. It is similar to Bayou Aux Carps, where there had been designs but no application was then pending. And it has advantages in the event that PLP challenges any 404(c).

I am available tomorrow to discuss this if you wish, and I leave for Montana for 10 days on Wed. AM.

Jeff